



Introduction

Main Experience on the Ukube project

The main objective of this proposal is to demonstrate the feasibility of Astrium Patent 20090316898:

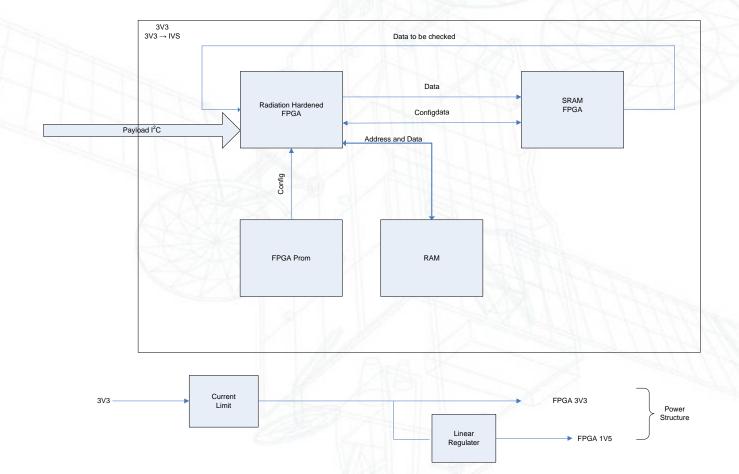
Random Number Generation in Orbit (Inventors: Dr Omar Eman, Peter Bennie and James Stuart Glanfield)

Secondary objective to gather statistics on the radiation performance of an SRAM based FPGA

Contract Duration: 9 months

Launch Date March 2013



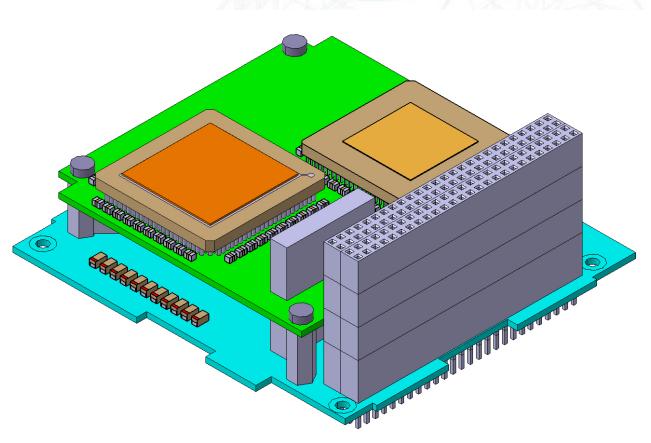




Interfaces

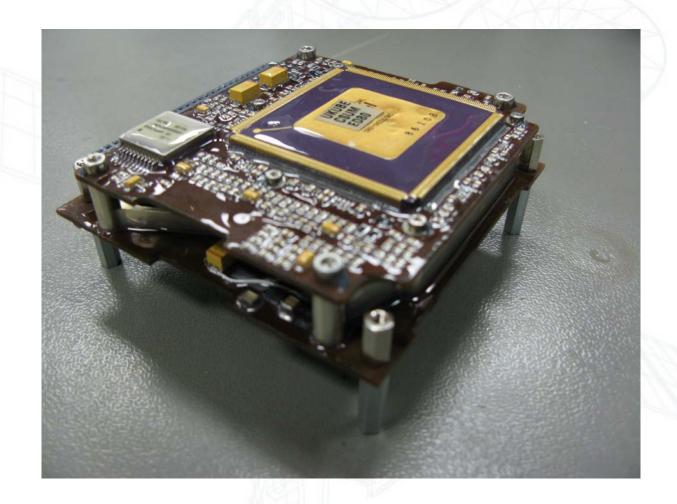
Very Simple Interface Requirements
12C bus for control and telemetry gathering
3v3 12v,5v, Supplied from payload









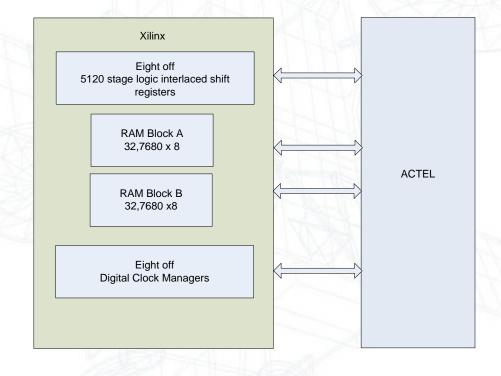








Xilinx FPGA Design - Characteristics





Challenges of Janus

Financial and Timescale, much faster and cheaper development than we are used to.

Sponsorship from Invotec to support mission

Obtaining the Flight FPGAs in the available budget and desired time scales.

> Sponsorship from Xilinx to support mission

Power management for the Xilinx FPGA.

Ensuring Reliable configuration.

Ended up with dual Flash Configuration Proms in hot redundant configuration.



Benefits Janus Brings

Ukube platforms several benefits.

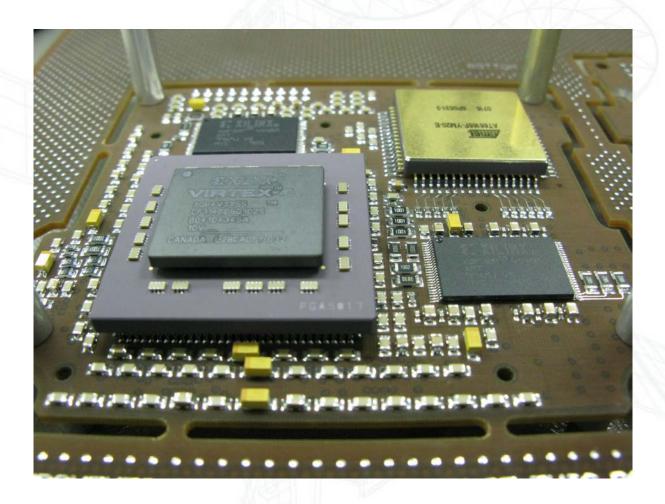
Demonstration of a patent which could be key for future Secure missions.

Heritage for large Xilinx FPGAs and correlation of Xilinx performance against modelling.

Experience of smaller nano-satellite requirements and engineering.

Benchmarking.







Images





Conclusion

Xilinx as the largest FPGA company has a wide user base and as such issues with tools etc are normally addressed quickly.

There is also a wide range of web support available.

Power required by the device certainly the Virtex 5 is considerable.

Interested to see what effect if any the synthesis power switch has on the V5QV power?

